



MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Sachi A. Hamai, Executive Officer-
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
Los Angeles, California 90012

At its meeting held January 27, 2009, the Board took the following action:

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The following Statement was entered into the record for Supervisor Knabe:

"We are all now aware of a planned action by a State agency to delay certain types of payments to counties and to other essential local service providers.

"This action was triggered by a combination of the State's serious budgetary shortfall and the continuing impasse in addressing it. It and other more drastic actions which may follow, potentially threaten the ability of the County and other essential public and private agencies, such as cities, hospitals and regional centers for the developmentally disabled, to continue providing vital services to a wide spectrum and growing number of people in need.

"The extent of the impact depends in part on the scope and duration of the State funding delays, the details of their implementation, and the availability and cost in a troubled economy, of borrowed funds to bridge the gap.

"This will not be the first time State funding delays occurred and had to be dealt with. But the depth of the State's current projected shortfall and the length of the impasse are unprecedented in our time. Unprecedented situations call for extraordinary responses. This Board and the County's management must engage in a full-bore effort to anticipate and mitigate the local impact; and bring the full weight of our advocacy to bear in facilitating resolution of the State's budget problems and in minimizing the impact on the people we serve."

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William T Fujioka, Chief Executive Officer, Patricia S. Ploehn, Director of Children and Family Services, Dr. Jonathan E. Fielding, Director of Public Health, Dr John F. Schunhoff, Interim Director of Health Services, Philip L. Browning, Director of Public Social Services, Robin Kay, Chief Deputy of Mental Health, and Raymond G. Fortner, Jr., County Counsel, responded to questions posed by the Board.

After discussion, on motion of Supervisor Knabe, seconded by Supervisor Molina, unanimously carried, the Board took the following actions:

1. Instructed the Chief Executive Officer and the Legislative Advocates in Sacramento to oppose and/or attempt to soften the local impact of any State action that delays payments to the County and other entities with related local service missions; and
2. Instructed the Chief Executive Officer to provide as a set item at each Board meeting until further notice:
 - A report on the status of the State's budget situation and the proposal to defer or delay payments; and
 - Recommended actions to prevent or mitigate such impacts.

Later in the meeting, on motion of Supervisor Knabe, and by common consent, the aforementioned motion was reconsidered to allow members of the public an opportunity to address the Board.

Cristina Alvarado, Martin Castro, Holly J. Mitchell, Michael Olenick and Grace Wehman addressed the Board.

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